

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV I am writing to urge you to decline your support of the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will decrease the innovation via competition of video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a monopoly which we consumers and the United States Congress have already shown a distaste and distrust for.

Considering DirectTV's actions via the justice system in Canada and their questionable push for the use of the RCMP against lawful Canadian citizens I believe this is not a company that should be granted broader demographic, financial or media-based power.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in their trying to push overpriced, under-packaged and still-beta broadband satellite internet service. Considering the upstream restrictions on their landline DSL service, slow setup times, frequent billing errors and slow DNS push/pull I shudder at what their idea of asynchronous satellite internet service will be.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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